

awarded his patent by President George Washington, Attorney General Edmund Randolph and Secretary of State Thomas Jefferson.

Samuel Hopkins is just one of the many resourceful and creative inventors from Vermont. The town of Brandon can boast Thomas Davenport, a self-educated blacksmith interested in electricity and magnetism. Through hands-on experiments with electromagnets, he built the first true electric motor in 1834. Initially, his patent request was denied because there was no prior patent on electric machinery. But he garnered the support of numerous professors and philosophers who examined his invention and endorsed his right to a patent on his novel device. In 1837, his determination paid off, and he secured a patent.

John Deere was born in Rutland, VT and spent most of his early life in Middlebury. After moving out West, John Deere realized the cast-iron plows he and other settlers brought with them were not going to work in the Midwest soil. He studied the problem and developed the first successful steel plow using steel from a broken saw blade. This new steel plow became the key for successful farming in the West, and "John Deere" is still synonymous with farming equipment today.

Vermont continues to be a leader in inventing and obtaining patents. My State ranks fourth in the Nation for number of patents issued. IBM's Essex Junction Plant, which designs and makes computer technology for a wide range of products, received 411 patents from the U.S. Patent & Trademark Office in 2002. Vermont's plant also has 18 inventors who together have earned more than 600 patents. One of those inventors is Steve Voldman, the top patent winner. Over the past 10 years, he has received 110 patents. In 2002, he received 29. Many of his 2002 patents had to do with silicon germanium, a new technology that has produced the world's fastest chip.

Today's inventors are individuals in a shop, garage or home lab. They are teams of scientists working in our largest corporations or at our colleges and universities. In the spirit of independent inventors, small businesses, venture capitalists and larger corporations in Vermont and all over the United States, I would like to recognize February 11, 2003, as "National Inventors' Day."

Mr. ENZI. I ask unanimous consent that the resolution and preamble be agreed to, the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table, and any statements relating thereto be printed in the RECORD.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The resolution (S. Res. 49) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

The resolution, with the preamble, reads as follows:

S. RES. 49

Whereas the American people and the world have benefited from the creations and discoveries of America's inventors; and

Whereas the patents that protect those creations and discoveries spur technological progress, improve the quality of life, stimulate the economy, and create jobs for Americans: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) honors the important role played by inventors in promoting progress in the useful arts;

(2) recognizes the invaluable contribution of inventors to the welfare of the people of the United States;

(3) designates February 11, 2003, as "National Inventors' Day"; and

(4) requests the President to issue a proclamation calling upon the people of the United States to celebrate such day with appropriate ceremonies and activities.

ORDERS FOR TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2003

Mr. ENZI. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it stand in adjournment until 9:30 a.m., Tues-

day, February 11. I further ask that following the prayer and the pledge, the morning hour be deemed expired, the Journal of proceedings be approved to date, the time for the two leaders be reserved for their use later in the day, and the Senate then proceed to executive session to resume consideration of the nomination of Miguel Estrada to be a circuit judge for the DC Circuit.

I further ask unanimous consent that the Senate recess from the hour of 12:30 p.m. to 2:15 p.m. for the weekly party caucuses.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

PROGRAM

Mr. ENZI. For the information of all Senators, tomorrow the Senate will return to the consideration of the Estrada nomination to the DC Circuit Court. As stated earlier, we are attempting to reach an agreement that would allow us to lock in a final vote on the nomination. It is hoped that an agreement can be reached during tomorrow's session. Votes are possible during tomorrow's session.

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 9:30 A.M. TOMORROW

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under a previous order, the Senate stands adjourned until 9:30 a.m., Tuesday, February 11, 2003.

Thereupon, the Senate, at 6:45 p.m., adjourned until Tuesday, February 11, 2003, at 9:30 a.m.

CONFIRMATIONS

Executive nominations confirmed by the Senate February 4, 2003:

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

PAUL MCHALE, OF PENNSYLVANIA, TO BE ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF DEFENSE.
CHRISTOPHER RYAN HENRY, OF VIRGINIA, TO BE DEPUTY UNDER SECRETARY OF DEFENSE FOR POLICY.